

FLOWERS



The flowers on the sanctuary altar this Sunday are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dan A. Stiles with grateful thanks for his flower ministry legacy.

STEWARDSHIP



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2018 Requirements /Jan.	\$	533,563.
Monthly Requirements '18	\$	44,463.
MTD Receipts	\$	11,248.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 8:15am Traditional Worship/Chapel
- 9:00am Contemporary Worship/F.Hall
- 11:00am Traditional Worship/Sanctuary



SUNDAY Jan. 14th ATTENDANCE 01.07.18

11:00 AM GREETERS	8:00	15
Schumacher Class	9:00	152
	<u>11:00</u>	<u>120</u>
Youth Chfs & Chaperones		287
Eat Out Night		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!!!



January 12: Alex Mackey; 13: Beth Elsey, Katherine Washburn; 14: Luke Ellington; 15: Jane Hightower, Pam Whitaker, Bryan Shaver, Wendy Daniel

**Office Closed Monday January 15th
-MLK Holiday**

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SUNDAY Jan. 14th

- 8:15am Traditional Worship/Chapel
- 9:00am Contemporary Worship/FH
- 9:45am Sunday School
- 11:00am Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 5:00pm Youth Activities
- 6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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THE NAVIGATOR
Wednesday January 10, 2018

My Dear, Kind Friends,
 Who knew that when I moved here on July 1, 1996, without my mom and my children, that I would find such a home as this. I had served four other churches (Asbury UMC,-Decatur, Ga; Marion FUMC - North Carolina; Griffin FUMC; and Milledgeville FUMC) for 7 - 11 years each and assumed that Thomaston would be about the same. We are United Methodists after all!!!.

But when I discovered this grand and loving place I have found no way to accept any other calls to serve elsewhere. I was so lovingly cared for by my friends Janice Craddock and George and Thelma Reddick, that even without my children and my dear mother here for five years, I knew that this could be "Home". I'm truly sorry that Candice and Kell couldn't have grown up here to experience the warmth of the fellowship and loving spirit of this church. They had great teachers and wonderful experiences to mold their lives and faith from Griffin and Milledgeville but there is something special about Thomastonians and the FUMC family here. Since my husband's death, "The church" has been our home, our help and our support.

You, here, have seen us through many crises and wrapped your loving arms around us in so many ways. This past Sunday was just another example of how this church family responds in love to those who have tried to serve Christ through ministry to Children, Youth and Adults.

My prayer is that you will welcome and wrap those arms around others who presently serve and those who will come to serve, just as dearly as you have encouraged and supported me.

My family joins me in thanking you for the lovely reception, the beautiful flowers, the kind thoughts through the cards and gifts and for the more than

generous financial gifts. For those who gave through the church, I will not know your names but I will continually thank God for your kindness. For those who handed me and mailed to me your thoughtful gifts, I will thank you as soon as possible. To the Chancel Choir, to which I will always feel a part, to the Golden Age Group, the Sunday School classes, the crochet group, my travel buddies, the team of card writers and callers, the Wonderful Wednesday graduates, the MYF grads from 1996 through today, to the church staff over the years (Elizabeth Story, Henrietta Johnson, Rosa and Allen Smith, Jeff Kelly, Bill House, Paul Fallin, Joan Thomas, Jody Thompson, Tina Loudermilk, Jason Weems, Rick McManus and Sherry Rawls) I offer my deepest gratitude for the manner in which you have continually served Christ and this church.. To the Pastor, to kind, Mark Cotney and to the Staff Parrish Relations Committee I offer my gratitude for the many years you have given me and my understanding of what had to be done and to the many folks who worked to prepare the lovely brunch/reception I offer my undying thanks. All of you have been a constant inspiration to me and a joy beyond belief. But through it all "The Joy of the Lord is My Strength" and "The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation, of whom then shall I be afraid?" . These are passages on which I have depended all my adult life and I will continue to depend upon in coming weeks. Please know how very much I love you all and look forward to seeing you often.


and now Yours in Christ I lovingly say "MISS PAT"

COMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Finance Committee Mtg. 5:30pm
Tuesday, January 16th/Library
Administrative Council Mtg. 6:30pm
January 16th/Social Hall**

*Leadership Training Event
Sunday, January 28, 2018 3:00-5:00pm
Griffin First UMC 1401 Maple Dr., Griffin
Workshops will include: Music & Worship, Ministry with Millennials (Young Adults ages 20-35), Discipleship, Finance and Staff Parish Relations*

PRAYER CONCERNS


OUR MILITARY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL, & LEADERS & MISSIONARIES
CURRENT REQUESTS –Janice Bennett, Ben Smith (URMC), Charlene Daniel (tests), Juli Greivell (URMC), Keith Ragan, Jimmy Ellerbee,
FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jim Capel, Tommy Parks, Doris Bedford-Riverside Nrsng. Ctr.
AT HOME: Margaret Tench, John Logan, Hilda Andrews, Bernice Smith
OUT OF TOWN: Martha Mallory, Gertrude Taylor, Jane Salter, Norma Brown, Evelyn Sheets
WEST VILLAGE: Betsy White, Ann Britt, Libby Ingram, Mavis Kelly, Sonny Peacock
PROVIDENCE HEALTHCARE: Peggy Straughan
HARBOR VIEW: Mary Owen
RIVERSIDE NURSING CTR. Elsie Penny, Jim Esco

CHILDREN'S CORNER


**WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY
RESUMES January 10th
3:00PM**
The new position of Children's Minister is in the final interview process. Hopefully we will have that position filled shortly. Please pray that God will open the right doors to the right individual to help us fill our halls with children.
Thank you to Alex Garrard and Stephen Holmes for helping out on Sundays while that position is filled.

YOUTH JASON WEEMS

BELIEVING, LIVING OPENLY FOR GOD
YOUTH EVENTS 2018
SNAP SHOT OF SOME EVENTS TO HELP YOU PLAN
HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS NEED A DEPOSIT AND A MINIMUM OF 12 PARTICIPANTS TO FILL ROOMS TO GO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SKI TRIP, AND SUMMER BERACH TRIP ASAP. ROOMS ARE FILLING UP FAST
FEBRUARY SKI TRIP FEB. 16-18. COST IS AROUND 280.00 ALL INCLUSIVE
MAY SENIOR BRUNCH MAY 20TH 10:00 AM
JUNE FLINT RIVER FLOAT JUNE 2ND
POOL PARTY JUNE 6TH
BOWLING/SUPPER JUNE 8TH COST 25.00
MISSION ACTIVITY HOUSE OF CARE JUNE 10TH
LUNCH GATHERING JUNE 11TH COST 10.00
BEACH TRIP TO S.C. STUDENT LIFE TRIP JUNE 18-22 COST 329.00
MISSION ACTIVITY NURSING HOME JUNE 24TH
BRAVES GAME JUNE 27TH COST TBD BY TICKET
JULY POOL PARTY JULY 2ND
LUNCH AT THE PIE JUNE 16TH COST 10.00 OR LESS
SIX FLAGS JULY 23RD COST 45.00
WHITE WATER RAFTING TRIP JULY 27TH COST 50.00
SEPTEMBER
NIGHT OF JOY DISNEY WORLD THIS TRIP IS NOT CERTAIN SEPT. 5-9 COST 360.00
OCTOBER
FRIGHT FEST OCTOBER 14TH 45.00